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COUNTY AND STATE OFFICIALS
REACH FINAL AGREEMENT

At a joint conference between the Board of Supervisors, the County Highway Commission, the State Highway Department, a committee from the Greenlee Commercial Club, a committee representing the unemployed of the district, and two representatives from the taxpayers Association, held in the office of the Board of Supervisors on Saturday afternoon, a final agreement was reached by the state and county officials whereby the completion of the Greenlee County section of the Clifton-Springerville road is assured, this year, and state funds made available for the commencement of construction of the Mule Creek Link in the interstate highway between Grant County, N. M., and Greenlee county, Arizona.

The terms of the memorandum agreement entered into by the Board and state Highway Department provide for the construction of the Mule Creek Link with state and federal funds, plus an unexpended balance remaining in the hands of the county highway commission. The amount immediately available from this source is estimated to be \$50,000.00. The memorandum agreement further provides that the state highway, through Black Jack gap to New Mexico boundary, shall be constructed under the supervision of the state highway department and that the labor and teams for such work shall be recruited from the ranks of the unemployed within the county. The survey of the interstate link is now nearing completion and it is estimated that a twelve foot road can be constructed to the New Mexico line for less than \$150,000.

In attendance at the meeting Saturday were Supervisors Stanton, Hightower, and Anderson; Commissioners Abraham and Simms, and Wm. Ingraham, chief clerk of the state Highway Department. D. W. Jones, J. C. Wright, R. W. Simpson, L. A. C. Burtch and W. B. Kelly appeared for the Commercial Club, and W. P. Spann and C. J. Brooke, represented the unemployed. For the Taxpayers Association, W. M. Saben, of Morenci, and H. E. Brubaker of Clifton, were present.

Following a discussion between members of the Board and the State Engineer representative it was disclosed that there was available in the 75% state road fund approximately \$20,000.00 for expenditure in Greenlee county, after deducting a claim of the state against Greenlee county of \$21,000.00 which had been incurred previously on the Clifton-Safford State Highway. It was soon apparent that the State Highway department was ready to apply state funds on the Clifton-Springerville road, on

account of a law suit still pending on this project, and other obstacles which would be necessary to overcome before the state Department could assume the completion of this cooperative project in this county. After a lengthy discussion, participated in by the interested parties, followed by a caucus of the members of the Board and Chief Clerk of the Highway Department, an agreement was reached by the officials that the county would proceed with the completion of the Clifton-Springerville highway, under its present contract with the Department of Agriculture, and that the State Highway department should expend the entire state funds, plus the unexpended balance in the hands of the county highway commission, together with federal funds to be made available, in the construction of the Arizona-New Mexico interstate link.

The proposed county budget for the ensuing fiscal year played a part in the general discussion and A. L. Terry, clerk of the Board, pointed out the fact that the amount included in the 1921-1922 budget for county purposes, including the General County Fund, Road Fund, County Bond Funds, and General School Fund, would be \$54,117.64 less than last year, at the same time figuring in the budget an amount of approximately \$66,000.00 for the completion of the Clifton-Springerville road. The estimated reduction in the cost of maintenance of the county schools next year is largely responsible for the reduced budget for county expenses.

Following the conference the consensus of opinion among those present was that the best possible arrangement had been concluded between the state highway department and the Board of Supervisors, one that will insure the early completion of the two most important road projects in the county at the least direct cost to the taxpayers.

W. A. HAMILTON IMPROVING.
W. A. Hamilton, who suffered serious injuries about the head and face, as a result of an auto accident between Clifton and Metcalf, was able to be moved from the hospital to his home on the East Side last week. He is rapidly improving and as Billy expresses it, "slightly disfigured, but still in the ring."

COUNTY ATTORNEYS WILL CONVEY.
H. C. Hooker, county attorney, will leave overland Saturday morning for Flagstaff to attend the annual convention of the county attorneys of Arizona.

Grist Gathered at Court House

Mrs. Bessie M. Fraser of Morenci, has filed her petition in the Superior Court praying that Letters Testamentary upon the last will and testament of her late husband, George Fraser, be issued to her, and the same has been set for hearing on Monday the 25th day of July, 1921.

Piedad Carrillo Duena was this week granted a decree of divorce from her husband Fernando Duena on the ground of desertion and non-support.

Erna Springer and W. E. Munroe have this week filed their bonds with the Clerk of the Superior Court and qualified as Notaries Public.

Arcelano Villalpando and Juan Magari both residents of Metcalf, were arraigned on the charge of manufacturing wine, ale, beer and intoxicating liquors in the town of Metcalf, before the Superior Court this week and both entered a plea of guilty to the charge. They will receive their sentences on Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

The following marriage licenses were issued by the Clerk of the Superior Court last week: Rochi P. Imonio to wed Catherine Russi, both parties being from Morenci; Nicolas Casares to wed Diego Jacobo, both parties being from Clifton; George Reid, to wed Myrtle Edwards, both parties being from Clifton.

The Clerk of the Superior Court is in receipt of a certified copy of the new law passed by the last State Legislature relating to the issuance of marriage licenses. Hereafter parties desiring to marry must both present themselves in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court and make affidavits as to their age, name, the race to which they belong, and relationship between the parties if any, before said Clerk is authorized to issue a license. Hereafter it was only necessary for one of the parties to appear before the Clerk and give their names and certify that the male was over the age of 21 and the female over the age of 18.

Sylvester Phillips made his final proof on his homestead located about 10 miles east of Clifton, before the Clerk of the Superior Court this week. Ernest Maley and Dewitt McWilliams acting as his witnesses.

On last week Jose Sandoval filed a charge of misdemeanor in Justice Fox's court against one Juana Valdez, alleging that said defendant was endangering the health of one Manuela Sanchez, 17 years of age and the ward of the defendant, by keeping her closely confined in the home of the defendant and abusing her. On Tuesday of this week the case was heard by Judge Fox and when the Judge interrogated Manuela, as to what kind of treatment she was receiving at the hands of Mrs. Valdez, she calmly stated that she was surprised that such charges should be brought against her guardian; that she was well treated and had no complaint whatever to make or offer against Mrs. Valdez, and that if she had been mistreated that she ought to have knowledge of it. The case was promptly dismissed by the Judge.

RECORDED INSTRUMENTS
Elli of Sale
George Richard Smith to L. A. Dunn
Jose Galaviz to Maria Jesus Enriquez

Proof of Labor
Providencia, by Sara L. Vda. de Garcia.

Mortgage and Refunding Bond
To Board of Church Extension.

Land Patent
United States of America to Chas. L. Sands.

Satisfaction of Mortgage
Andy Zimwald to Richie Smith

State Bank of Morenci, to W. P. Wilkins.

Warranty Deed
J. C. Lovett, et ux, H. J. Nunn, et al.

Mining Deed
Walter Dandun, to Richard Marshall.

Charitable Mortgage
Antonio V. Reyes to State Bank of Morenci.

H. P. Wilkins to State Bank of Morenci.

Gift of Stock
Gilbert Stockton, to Mark Bradberry, et al.

R. J. Bejarano to John Bradberry, Dewitt Cooper to The Arizona Copper Company.

United States Army Discharge
Of Edward Beeler Gamble.

Official Bond
Of Benjamin F. Billingsley, as Justice of the Peace.

FORMER SHERIFF IS FEDERAL
PRISONER IN EL PASO JAIL

James G. Cash, former sheriff of this county, 1914-1916, is in jail in El Paso on a Federal charge of violation of the Harrison Act, to-wit the sale of narcotics.

At a preliminary hearing in El Paso this week before a United States Commissioner, a plea of illegal entrapment was entered, but was overruled by the court. Bond was fixed in the sum of \$7,500, which up to the time the ERA goes to press, Cash was unable to furnish, and he was remanded to jail to await trial at the October term of the United States court.

"After a 48-hour sleepless vigil, federal narcotic agents arrested Jim G. Cash, in Hotel Paso del Norte at 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning on a charge of violating the Harrison act. One hundred and four ounces of morphine were about to be transferred from Cash to an agent at the time of his arrest, officers said.

This seizure of morphine was the largest ever made in the border district and one of the largest ever made in the nation. At interior city illicit market prices it is worth \$45,448. Federal agents say Cash agreed to sell it to them for \$3,750 in bulk.

Lured by Fake Ad.

On information alleged that Cash was in that business, federal agent and two informants sought to see if he would sell it to them. They declared Cash drove to the room of one of the agents, took his suitcase and traveling bag and returned to the hotel, always under surveillance by other agents.

The agent arranging the deal played the part of a timid addict.

"Cash assured me then," he related, "that everything was all right. Then he handed me a nerve-calmer, you know, that he was protected," said he had paid \$600 to a city policeman who is not even in town, to assure him protection against arrest. I pretended this appeared to satisfy me.

\$2,000 Posted With Clerk.

"At first we walked up to the hotel clerk and I left a package of \$2,000 in banknotes with the clerk. I explained to him that he was to pay the money to no one but Cash and only when he was in my company. I told him that if this fellow did what he promised to do, that then I would come back with him and Cash would get the money. I took a receipt for it.

"With a roll of \$1,750 more bills in my pocket I went to the hotel to meet Cash. He called a taxi and put the suitcase and grip of the stuff in the car. Then he told me it was in the car and we walked up to the clerk's desk to get the money. He was arrested there."

C. V. Sambrano, driver of the taxi was also arrested. Later he was charged with a nerve-calmer, you know, that he was protected. United States Commissioner A. J. W. Schmid released him on \$750 bond.

Illegal entrapment was the defense set up by Cash, former sheriff of Greenlee county in Arizona, when given an examining trial before United States Commissioner A. J. W. Schmid Tuesday in El Paso on the charge of violation of the Harrison narcotic act.

Only two witnesses were put on by the government at the examining trial, although it is claimed that there were several federal officers engaged in the case. These witnesses were A. L. Rathel, narcotic agent, and C. V. Sambrano, driver of the service car in which the suit cases were seized.

Chauffeur's Story.

The driver of the car testified that he was employed by Cash to drive him and another man to an address

in Mesa avenue before daylight Saturday morning. Cash, he said, came out with two suit cases and told him to drive to Hotel Paso del Norte. At the hotel, Cash told him to wait a few minutes and they would then drive to Union station, as they were going out on the train at 6:15.

While Cash and the other man were in the hotel, narcotic agents arrested Cash and seized the suit cases in the service car, which are said to have contained 161 ounces of morphine.

Agent Rathel told of the arrangement made with Cash to purchase the drug. A deposit of \$2,000 was made with the hotel clerk to be paid to Cash only in the presence of the agent, who was doing the dealing under the guise of being an addict. It was when Cash went into the hotel to collect that he was arrested.

Ryan Tips Officers.

Under examination by Attorney Frank Lyons of Lyons and Oppenheimer, who are defending Cash, Agent Rathel stated that a man by the name of Ryan had brought Cash to the attention of the narcotic department. Ryan, he said, had applied for a position with the narcotic department and had been told that they had many applicants ahead of him. He said he could show them what he could do and he was told to go ahead and show.

Shortly afterwards, he said, Ryan came back and informed them that Cash was dealing in narcotics in large quantities and offered to demonstrate it to the department. Acting on this information, negotiations were entered into with Cash through Ryan and the arrest and seizure resulted.

When Lyons asked where was Ryan and why he was not there to testify and was told that Ryan had been called to some point in New Mexico on account of the illness of his wife. Agent Rathel did not know where he had gone.

On this statement, Attorney Lyons argued for a dismissal of his client, on the ground of illegal entrapment.

Commissioner Schmid ruled that the evidence up to this time did not show illegal entrapment and he refused to dismiss the charge. Cash was held in answer to the October term of the United States district court in bond of \$7,500. He failed to give bond.

James G. Cash was elected to office in Greenlee county in the election of 1914 and served one term. At the time of his election he was a resident of Morenci and won in the democratic primaries against Baylor Shannon, John Webster, D. D. Boyle and others, and in the general election defeated Johnny Patten, the republican candidate. Cash was sheriff during the strike in the district. He was a candidate in the primaries of 1916 for the democratic nomination to succeed himself but was defeated for the nomination by Arthur Slaughter. In the general election he ran as an independent candidate and his supporters were compelled to write his name on the ballot. With this handicap he came within a few votes of reelection but was again defeated by Slaughter the regular democratic nominee.

Later Cash opened a saloon in Lordsburg and from there went to El Paso where for a time he was engaged in the oil business.

County Recorder L. N. Callicotte spent Wednesday of this week at Metcalf on business.

Mr. E. V. Horton left on Wednesday of this week for his old home in Tennessee where he will visit his son and relatives for the next few months.

Fisher Murderer Held at Hermosillo

Douglas—it seems that there is to be prolonged delay in the matter of extraditing A. Chavez, who murdered Jesse Fisher at the Slaughter ranch in the month of May, Chavez was arrested in Agua Prieta and confessed to both the American and Mexican officials to having shot and killed Fisher. After Sheriff Joe Hood had exhausted every effort to have Chavez delivered to him on this side of the line Chavez was removed to Hermosillo where he still remains, though it had been believed that he would be turned over to Sheriff Hood at some point on the international line.

The latest development in this case has been the receipt by the

sheriff of the following letter transmitted to him by Governor T. E. Campbell.

Mexico, June 27 1921.
Ernest R. Hall Acting Governor,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Referring to your message of the 16th of May to the department of foreign relations, I have duly studied the matter of the murder of Jesse Fisher and the United States having suspended the effect of the treaty of extradition, I find the extradition of Aracilio Chavez is not opportune now, but as soon as there is complaint from legitimate party competent judicial authorities shall act.

A. OBREGON

BACK FROM GRAND CANYON.

J. G. Cooper and family returned last week from an auto trip to the Grand Canyon and northern points in Arizona. Mr. Cooper traveled more than a thousand miles on the round trip, going by the way of Roosevelt, Flag and Payson and returning via Springerville, Cooley and Rice and encountered long stretches of bad road both going and coming. The Old Trails Highway, east and west through northern Arizona is good, but the north and south connecting links are bad. Mr. Cooper returned enthusiastic over the possibilities of the Clifton-Springerville road and the benefits to this section to be derived upon its completion.

DUNCANITE BREAKS ARM.

A report from Duncan says that Sam Foster, the well known cattleman in that section, sustained a broken arm, when an auto in which he was a passenger, collided with a Southern Pacific train between Bowls and San Simon on July 5th. Mr. Foster was taken to the hospital at Lordsburg for treatment.

E. H. Green, vice-president of The First National Bank and a director of the Bank of Duncan was a business visitor in Duncan today.

J. R. Fowler, one of the leading merchants of Duncan was at the court house on Thursday.

E. C. Fitzgerald, assistant cashier of the Gila Valley Bank, is among those attending the Elks convention in Los Angeles.

John Young and wife are visitors from Phoenix at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Davidson.

SCENIC HIGHWAY OFFICIALLY
OPENED FOR TRAVELERS

In the presence of several hundred citizens of New Mexico and Arizona, amid the beautiful scenery of the Barends valley, twenty miles west of Hillsboro, N. M., the Black Range Scenic Highway was dedicated on July 4th. The dedication took the form of a patriotic exercises, with distinguished speakers from Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas participating.

The guests of honor included Governor M. C. Mechem, of New Mexico; L. A. Gilette, state highway engineer of New Mexico; G. A. Martin, President of the El Paso Automobile Club; H. A. Moriarty, of Ft. Bayard, American Legion representative; J. I. McIntire, world war veteran representative, Ft. Bayard; Col. Dell M. Potter, president of Southern National Highway, Clifton, and District Highway Engineer Shepperd, of Arizona.

The celebration created keen interest in this section by reason of the fact that construction work is to be started within the next six weeks, in this county, on what is known as the Mule Creek Link connecting the Black Range Route in New Mexico with the Apache Trail Scenic Route in Arizona at the Arizona New Mexico boundary, east of Clifton.

The completion of this new interstate highway will connect by a direct route Elephant Butte Dam on the East with the Roosevelt Dam on the west. The distance between these two points of interest will be shortened by more than an hundred miles, over any other interstate highway route, and will unfold before the auto tourist a panorama of beautiful scenery, natural resources and industrial enterprises unsurpassed anywhere in the great southwest.

But not alone the saving in distance is urged, because the trip across the new route takes the tourist away from the desert and plains, with their wind and sand for two or three days, or longer, if he desires to tarry, and affords relief by offering new and close views of mountains, canyons, forests and streams. Then, too, he may see such great mines as the Chino at Santa Rita, and many others if he cares to take the short side trips over good roads out of Silver City, Clifton and Globe. He may look in on the boys at the Public Health Service hospital at Fort Bayard, where 1,000 ex-service men are being nursed back to health by the government at the country's biggest hospital. This plant is soon to be enlarged by the expenditure of \$550,000 for the care of a larger number of ex-service men.

That section of the road between Silver City and Santa Rita is now being rebuilt as a Federal highway at a cost of \$250,000. Three miles from

Fort Bayard to Bayard Station will be concrete pavement, and the other distances of fine surfacing, on a very wide roadbed. Grade stakes are now driven for the rebuilding of the state road on from Santa Rita to Mimbres Creek, so that the San Lorenzo hill, now a winding road of easy traction, but steep, will be eliminated. A bridge is to be built across Mimbres Creek below Sherman. The road between Mimbres Valley and the Black Range formerly took the tourist over Robins hill, but this bug-bear has been eliminated by the building of a cut-off, reducing the grade to a maximum of 3 1/2 per cent.

Leaving Silver City coming west the Black Range-Apache Trail route, from dam to dam, will follow the Silver City-Mogollon federal highway in a westerly direction to Jackson, N. M., thence southwest, via Mule Creek post office, across the Arizona-New Mexico boundary, through Black Jack gap into Greenlee County and on through the Gila Valley to Globe and the Roosevelt dam.

At Clifton a junction is made with the Clifton-Springerville forest highway, for northern points in Arizona, including the Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest, Painted Desert and Mormon Lake.

The dedication of the Black Range Route was attended by a delegation from the Clifton Commercial Club composed of Dell M. Potter, Pickens Anderson, F. H. Sprinker and W. B. Kelly. Also in the party was District State Highway Engineer Shepperd. Owing to heavy rains this side of Lordsburg the Clifton delegation were delayed in reaching the scene of the celebration but arrived in the nick of time, just as the Governor of New Mexico was making his address.

Enthusiastic applause greeted the announcement of Col. Dell M. Potter, in the course of his remarks, that an agreement had at last been entered into between the Board of Supervisors, of Greenlee county, and the Arizona State Highway Department which insured the commencement of construction of the Arizona connection.

During the course of his remarks Governor Mechem promised those assembled at the picnic that he would endeavor to have the entire Black Range highway route designated as a "Red Line" highway, which in New Mexico means a federal aid project.

G. A. Martin, president of the El Paso Auto Club, and managing editor of the El Paso Herald, was one of the principal speakers. Mr. Martin assured the people of Arizona and New Mexico that the El Paso Auto Club could be depended upon to direct auto tourists in the most direct

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News of Clifton

DODGE CAR IS UNINJURED.

In trying to dodge some rocks that were in the center of the road, Pete Fuentes, driving a Dodge car, momentarily lost control of his machine and plunged sideways into the river some twenty feet below the road. The car appears to have run diagonally down the embankment landing in some small cotton wood trees at the bottom. The machine was not turned over and the driver was lucky enough to hold his seat, escaping without injury. Upon investigation the car was found to be uninjured.

CHARGE AGAINST LEWIS DISMISSED.

Last week the ERA carried a news item upon the arrest of Mr. P. K. Lewis, former President of the Central Bank of Phoenix. It was then the information of the ERA that Mr. Lewis was wanted in Phoenix upon a felony charge in connection with the Bank. The ERA has now learned that such a serious charge was not made against Mr. Lewis. The entire difficulty arose out of a misunderstanding regarding certain post date checks of the Central Finance Corporation entirely apart from any connection with the Bank and with which Mr. Lewis was not concerned other than in having been formerly an officer of the Central Finance Corporation. Mr. Lewis went voluntarily to Phoenix in connection with other business and found the matter straightened out and the case dismissed as far as he was concerned before his arrival in the Capital City.

PAY THE EDITOR.

This week the Copper Era mailed out its subscription bills, a semi-annual event, fraught with great importance to the Copper Era force, from the devil to the editor. Individually the amount of each bill is small but in the aggregate they will keep us from privation and want during these hard times. If you pay the editor, he in turn can pay the printers, and they all can pay the grocer and the candle stick maker. If you have had your subscription bill aside, look it up please, and mail editor a check. If you can't pay a full year's subscription now, let's go fifty-fifty. Mail us a remittance for half the amount.

LEAVE FOR THE COAST.

Mr. L. W. Penn and son Milton left last Friday morning for the coast where they intend to make their future home. Milton Penn was a graduate of the Class of Twenty One of the Clifton High School where he has made quite a showing in athletics for the last two years. His many friends wish him and his father the best success in their new field.

FRISCO RIVER GOES ON THE RAMPADE.

Due to heavy rains in the mountains the San Francisco river, on last Sunday evening, rose four or five feet within a remarkably short space of time, bringing down with it all the debris that had collected in the river bottom for the last two years. The first head of water that came down, turning a clear stream into a foam of mud and dead trees, was a sight for the many that had never witnessed the like before.

Miss Martha Gay and Miss Mary aret Bartha left last Friday morning for the coast where they will spend their vacation.

VISITING ON OAK CREEK.

J. R. Smith returned this morning in his car from Oak Creek, eighteen miles from Flagstaff, where he took his family to spend the summer with a sister of Mrs. Smith. He reports northern Arizona overran with tourist cars from all over the state and as far east as New York and Maine and as far west as Oregon and Washington.

DELEGATE TO ELKS CONVENTION.

Dr. L. A. W. Burch, Past Exalted Ruler of Clifton Lodge 1174, B. E. O. E., left this morning for Los Angeles as the official delegate from Clifton lodge to the Elks Grand Lodge which will convene in Los Angeles, commencing July 11th.

GREENLEE COUNTY BOYS ON NAVAL CRUISE.

Midshipmen Chas. Tonkin, of Morenci, and Sam G. Kelly, of Clifton, Naval Academy midships at Annapolis, are now on the Atlantic engaged in their first practice cruise. The Squadron touched at the Azores in the middle of June and was at Christiania, Norway on June 3rd. From there the squadron will proceed to Lisbon, and after touching at Gibraltar will return via Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Wright of Morenci, were on outgoing passengers Friday morning for Deming, N. M. on a vacation trip.